

year of 1900 with a pasture that would feed 18 cows, so he started to milk cows and sent the milk to the Charleston Creamery.

William and Agnes were the parents of six children: Heber R., Orlinda Wright, Panzy Carlile, Stafford, Grant and Veon Peterson. He died April, 1963.

WILLIAM WRIGHT



William Wright was born October 5, 1831 at Burgh-by-Sands, Cumberland, England, a son of William Wright and Margaret Ashbridge Wright. Married Jemima Dands in 1856 in the Old Endowment House. Married Mary J. Baum.

William, as a lad of 15, was around town one evening when he saw a group of people listening to some singing. He joined them and was very interested in their message. He knew they spoke the truth. He hurried home to tell his mother about the message these two Mormon missionaries from America had given. So the next evening she went with him. She immediately knew that they had spoken the truth. After spending much time in study and thought, she joined the church and was baptized February 16, 1848, and William Wright November 9, 1848.

William left England at the age of 22. He came to New Orleans and up the Mississippi to Council Bluffs. He joined the Appleton M. Harmon Company and arrived in Salt Lake Valley October 16, 1853.

When he landed in Utah he went to work for Ezra T. Benson and out of his meager earnings saved what he could and sent to England for his sweetheart, Jemima Dands to come here. In 1856 he drove an ox team to Council Bluffs, Iowa, to meet her and her mother.

When they returned to Salt Lake City they were married and moved to Provo. They had many friends in Provo, among

them George Baum. They worked together and were the instigators in building a road through Provo Canyon. William was the toll gate keeper at the north end, where Springdell now is. It was while he was stationed here that he located the lovely spot in Charleston that he was later to homestead and where he was to spend the rest of his life. He moved there on October 27, 1870.

The following year his wife died leaving eight small children. He later married Mary J. Baum.

He filled a mission to England in the early '80's.

William was a great lover of animals. He had a prize bull, a stallion, and a bulldog that was his constant companion. At one time the bulldog even saved his life. The bull had cornered him and would have gored him to death if his faithful dog hadn't jumped up and bitten the bull on the nose, distracting him long enough so William could get away.

He was called upon many times when people were sick, as there were no doctors for many miles. He always seemed to know just what to do. He was very good at setting broken bones, and also at pulling aching teeth.

He was interested in doing temple work, making a long trek to St. George to do the work.

He taught the school where his children attended, and was a strict disciplinarian. He crossed the plains six times with ox teams, and held many offices of trust, both civil and in the church.

William and Jemima were the parents of nine children: William Thomas, Jemima A., Margaret, Wilford D., James L., Joseph S., Hannah R., Sarah E. and Hyrum S.

William and Mary were parents of 16 children: George B., Eliza Jane, Mary Isabell, Owen, Wallace B., John E., Charles, Stella Melissa, Elbert, May Pearl, David, Zora and Zella (twins), Edna, Leora and Lorin.

